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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF VERITY DOWDELL ET AL.

APPLICATION NO: 10/593,667 FILED: September 19, 2006

FOR: BENZODIAZEPINES FOR TREATING OR PREVENTING RSV

INFECTION

Commissioner for Patents PO Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

The Office Action of April 9, 2007 has a shortened statutory time set to expire on June 9, 2007. A two-month extension is hereby requested pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a).

Please charge Deposit Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis in the amount of \$450 for payment of the extension fee. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees under 37 CFR §1.17 which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 19-0134 in the name of Novartis.

Respectfully submitted,

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